



# FACT SHEET

## ***Joint Task Force North***

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## ***JTF North homeland security support***

Joint Task Force North (JTF North) coordinates military support to law enforcement agencies in order to anticipate, detect, deter, prevent, and defeat transnational threats to the homeland. All military support for homeland security is based on support requests.

Support requests are submitted to JTF North by designated federal law enforcement agencies. Assuming the support is appropriate and in compliance with the statutory guidelines for the domestic employment of military forces, JTF North seeks military units to volunteer to provide the requested operational support. Once a unit volunteers, JTF North facilitates mission planning and execution with the unit and the supported agency. In accordance with Department of Defense policy, missions must have a training value to the unit or provide a significant contribution to national security.

JTF North is an effects multiplier assisting law enforcement agencies to secure the homeland by providing supplemental and unique capabilities. JTF North support to federal law enforcement agencies is categorized in the following six support categories:

- **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT**

- Aviation Support Operations
  - Aviation Transportation/Insertion/Extraction
  - Aviation Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC)
- Aviation Reconnaissance
  - Daytime Operations
  - Nighttime Operations
- Air and Maritime Surveillance Radar
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
- Ground Surveillance Radar
- Listening Post/Observation Post
- Ground Sensor Operations
- Ground Transportation

- **INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT**

- Law Enforcement Agency Case Sensitive Intelligence Support
- Collaborative Threat Assessment
- Geospatial Intelligence Support
- Modified Threat Vulnerability Assessment
- Threat Link Analysis Product

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- **ENGINEERING SUPPORT**
  - Personnel Barriers
  - Vehicle Barriers
  - Lights
  - Roads
  - Bridges
- **GENERAL SUPPORT**
  - Mobile Training Teams – which include:
    - Basic Marksmanship
    - Trauma Management
    - Emergency Response
    - Counterdrug Field Tactical Police Operations
    - Counterdrug Marksman/Observer Training
    - Counterdrug Special Reaction Team Training
    - Integrated Mission Planning
    - Intelligence and Link Analysis
    - Interview Techniques
    - Multi-Subject Tactical Instruction
    - Threat Mitigation Training
    - Other training as requested
  - Transportation
  - Sustainment
- **INTERAGENCY SYNCHRONIZATION**
  - Support interagency planning process
  - Facilitate interagency and bi-national info sharing
  - Point of Integration Operations
- **TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION**
  - Leverage Department of Defense science & technology investment
  - Ground/ Air/ Maritime sensor integration
  - Information Efficiency and Networks
  - Biometrics
  - Tunnel Detection

### ***Evolution of Support***

During the first decade of JTF North's Military Support to Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies (MSCLEA), our support was relatively personnel-intensive, using individual personnel on the ground to provide border detection. Today we have shifted to a greater focus on technology, using ground sensors, radar, airborne platforms, and thermal imaging to not only reduce the manpower requirements, but conduct more effective border detection.

Our intelligence efforts have shifted from the border outward, deeper into the approaches to the United States. Working more closely with Canadian and Mexican agencies, we are trying to gain greater visibility on threats as they enter the U.S. Northern Command area of responsibility in order to cue these partner nations to interdict them before they reach our borders.